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HOUSE BILL 975

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO RETIREE HEALTH CARE; AMENDING THE RETIREE HEALTH CARE ACT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ENTITIES AS ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS AND GIVE THE RETIREE HEALTH CARE BOARD MORE DISCRETION IN SETTING CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT LEVELS; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 10-7C-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990, Chapter 6, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"10-7C-4. DEFINITIONS. --As used in the Retiree Health Care Act:

A. "active employee" means an employee of a public institution or any other public employer participating in either the Educational Retirement Act, the Public Employees Retirement Act, the Judicial Retirement Act, ~~or~~ the Magistrate Retirement

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1 Act or the Public Employees Retirement Reciprocity Act or the  
2 employee of an independent public employer;

3 B. "authority" means the retiree health care  
4 authority created pursuant to the Retiree Health Care Act;

5 C. "basic plan of benefits" means only those  
6 coverages generally associated with a medical plan of benefits;

7 D. "board" means the [governing] board of the  
8 retiree health care authority;

9 E. "current retiree" means an eligible retiree who  
10 is receiving a disability or normal retirement benefit under the  
11 Educational Retirement Act, the Public Employees Retirement Act,  
12 the Judicial Retirement Act, the Magistrate Retirement Act [~~the~~  
13 ~~Retirement Reciprocity Act, the Judicial Retirement Reciprocity~~  
14 ~~Act]~~ or the Public Employees Retirement Reciprocity Act or the  
15 retirement program of an independent public employer on or  
16 before July 1, 1990;

17 F. "eligible dependent" means a person obtaining  
18 retiree health care coverage based upon that person's  
19 relationship to an eligible retiree as follows:

20 (1) a spouse;

21 (2) an unmarried child under the age of  
22 nineteen who is:

23 (a) a natural child;

24 (b) a legally adopted child;

25 (c) a stepchild living in the same

1 household who is primarily dependent on the eligible retiree for  
2 maintenance and support;

3 (d) a child for whom the eligible retiree  
4 is the legal guardian and who is primarily dependent on the  
5 eligible retiree for maintenance and support, as long as  
6 evidence of the guardianship is evidenced in a court order or  
7 decree; or

8 (e) a foster child living in the same  
9 household;

10 (3) a child described in Subparagraphs (a)  
11 through (e) of Paragraph (2) of this subsection who is between  
12 the ages of nineteen and twenty-five and is a full-time student  
13 at an accredited educational institution, provided that "full-  
14 time student" shall be a student enrolled in and taking twelve  
15 or more semester hours or its equivalent contact hours in  
16 primary, secondary, undergraduate or vocational school or a  
17 student enrolled in and taking nine or more semester hours or  
18 its equivalent contact hours in graduate school;

19 (4) a dependent child over nineteen who is  
20 wholly dependent on the eligible retiree for maintenance and  
21 support and who is incapable of self-sustaining employment by  
22 reason of mental retardation or physical handicap, provided that  
23 proof of incapacity and dependency shall be provided within  
24 thirty-one days after the child reaches the limiting age and at  
25 such times thereafter as may be required by the board;

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1 (5) a surviving spouse defined as follows:

2 (a) "surviving spouse" means the spouse  
3 to whom a retiree was married at the time of death; or

4 (b) "surviving spouse" means the spouse  
5 to whom a deceased vested active employee was married at the  
6 time of death; or

7 (6) a surviving dependent child who is the  
8 dependent child of a deceased eligible retiree whose other  
9 parent is also deceased;

10 G. "eligible employer" means either:

11 (1) a "retirement system employer", which means  
12 an institution of higher education, a school district or other  
13 entity participating in the public school insurance authority, a  
14 state agency, state court, magistrate court, municipality, ~~or~~  
15 county or public entity, each of which is affiliated under or  
16 covered by the Educational Retirement Act, the Public Employees  
17 Retirement Act, the Judicial Retirement Act, ~~or~~ the Magistrate  
18 Retirement Act or the Public Employees Retirement Reciprocity  
19 Act; or

20 (2) an "independent public employer", which  
21 means a municipality, ~~or~~ county ~~which~~ or public entity that  
22 is not a retirement system employer;

23 H. "eligible retiree" means:

24 (1) a "nonsalaried eligible participating  
25 entity governing authority member" who is a person who is not a

1 retiree and who:

2 (a) has served without salary as a member  
3 of the governing authority of an employer eligible to  
4 participate in the benefits of the Retiree Health Care Act and  
5 is certified to be such by the executive director of the public  
6 school insurance authority;

7 (b) has maintained group health insurance  
8 coverage through that member's governing authority if such group  
9 health insurance coverage was available and offered to the  
10 member during the member's service as a member of the governing  
11 authority; and

12 (c) was participating in the group health  
13 insurance program under the Retiree Health Care Act prior to  
14 July 1, 1993; or

15 (d) if a person eligible under  
16 Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph applies before August 1, 1993  
17 to the authority to participate in the program, then he will be  
18 eligible to participate notwithstanding the provisions of  
19 Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this paragraph;

20 (2) a "salaried eligible participating entity  
21 governing authority member" who is a person who is not a retiree  
22 and who:

23 (a) has served with salary as a member of  
24 the governing authority of an employer eligible to participate  
25 in the benefits of the Retiree Health Care Act;

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1 (b) has maintained group health insurance  
2 through that member's governing authority, if such group health  
3 insurance was available and offered to the member during the  
4 member's service as a member of the governing authority; and

5 (c) was participating in the group health  
6 insurance program under the Retiree Health Care Act prior to  
7 July 1, 1993; or

8 (d) if a person eligible under  
9 Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph applies before August 1, 1993  
10 to the authority to participate in the program, then he will be  
11 eligible to participate notwithstanding the provisions of  
12 Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this paragraph; or

13 (3) an "eligible participating retiree" who is  
14 a person who:

15 (a) falls within the definition of a  
16 retiree, has made contributions to the fund for at least five  
17 years prior to retirement and whose eligible employer during  
18 that period of time made contributions as a participant in the  
19 Retiree Health Care Act on the person's behalf, unless that  
20 person retires on or before July 1, 1995, in which event the  
21 time period required for employee and employer contributions  
22 shall become the period of time between July 1, 1990 and the  
23 date of retirement, and who is certified to be a retiree by the  
24 educational retirement director, the executive secretary of the  
25 public employees retirement board or the governing authority of

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1 an independent public employer;

2 (b) falls within the definition of a  
3 retiree, retired prior to July 1, 1990 and is certified to be a  
4 retiree by the educational retirement director, the executive  
5 secretary of the public employees retirement association or the  
6 governing authority or of an independent public employer; but  
7 this paragraph does not include a retiree who was an employee of  
8 an eligible employer who exercised the option not to be a  
9 participating employer pursuant to the Retiree Health Care Act  
10 and did not after January 1, 1993 elect to become a  
11 participating employer; unless the retiree: 1) retired on or  
12 before June 30, 1990; and 2) at the time of retirement did not  
13 have a retirement health plan or retirement health insurance  
14 coverage available from his employer; or

15 (c) is a retiree who: 1) was at the time  
16 of retirement an employee of an eligible employer who exercised  
17 the option not to be a participating employer pursuant to the  
18 Retiree Health Care Act, but which eligible employer  
19 subsequently elected after January 1, 1993 to become a  
20 participating employer; 2) has made contributions to the fund  
21 for at least five years prior to retirement and whose eligible  
22 employer during that period of time made contributions as a  
23 participant in the Retiree Health Care Act on the person's  
24 behalf, unless that person retires less than five years after  
25 the date participation begins, in which event the time period

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1 required for employee and employer contributions shall become  
2 the period of time between the date participation begins and the  
3 date of retirement; and 3) is certified to be a retiree by the  
4 educational retirement director, the executive secretary of the  
5 public employees retirement board or the governing authority of  
6 an independent public employer;

7 I. "fund" means the retiree health care fund;

8 J. "group health insurance" means coverage that  
9 includes but is not limited to life insurance, accidental death  
10 and dismemberment, hospital care and benefits, surgical care and  
11 treatment, medical care and treatment, dental care, eye care,  
12 obstetrical benefits, prescribed drugs, medicines and prosthetic  
13 devices, medicare supplement, medicare carveout, medicare  
14 coordination and other benefits, supplies and services through  
15 the vehicles of indemnity coverages, health maintenance  
16 organizations, preferred provider organizations and other health  
17 care delivery systems as provided by the Retiree Health Care Act  
18 and other coverages considered by the board to be advisable;

19 K. "ineligible dependents" include but are not  
20 limited to:

21 (1) those dependents created by common law  
22 relationships;

23 (2) dependents while in active military  
24 service;

25 (3) parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters,

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1 grandchildren and other family members left in the care of an  
2 eligible retiree without evidence of legal guardianship; and

3 (4) anyone not specifically referred to as an  
4 eligible dependent pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted  
5 by the board;

6 L. "participating employee" means an employee of a  
7 participating employer, which employee has not been excluded  
8 from participation in the Retiree Health Care Act pursuant to  
9 [~~Subsection F of Section 10-7C-9 NMSA 1978 or~~] Section  
10 10-7C-10 NMSA 1978;

11 M "participating employer" means an eligible  
12 employer who has satisfied the conditions for participating in  
13 the benefits of the Retiree Health Care Act, including the  
14 requirements of Subsection M of Section 10-7C-7 NMSA 1978 and  
15 Subsection D, [~~or~~] E or G of Section 10-7C-9 NMSA 1978, as  
16 applicable; [~~and~~]

17 N. "public entity" means a flood control authority,  
18 economic development district, council of governments, regional  
19 housing authority, conservancy district or other special  
20 district or special purpose government; and

21 [~~N.-~~] O. "retiree" means a person who:

22 (1) is receiving:

23 (a) a disability or normal retirement  
24 benefit or survivor's benefit under the Educational Retirement  
25 Act;

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1 (b) a disability or normal retirement  
2 benefit or survivor's benefit pursuant to the Public Employees  
3 Retirement Act, the Judicial Retirement Act, the Magistrate  
4 Retirement Act or the [~~Retirement Reciprocity Act or the~~  
5 ~~Judicial Retirement Reciprocity Act~~] Public Employees Retirement  
6 Reciprocity Act; or

7 (c) a disability or normal retirement  
8 benefit or survivor's benefit pursuant to the retirement program  
9 of an independent public employer to which that employer has  
10 made periodic contributions; or

11 (2) is not receiving a survivor's benefit but  
12 is the eligible dependent of a person who received a disability  
13 or normal retirement benefit pursuant to the Educational  
14 Retirement Act, [~~or~~] the Public Employees Retirement Act, the  
15 Judicial Retirement Act, the Magistrate Retirement Act or the  
16 Public Employees Retirement Reciprocity Act."

17 Section 2. Section 10-7C-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990,  
18 Chapter 6, Section 7) is amended to read:

19 "10-7C-7. BOARD--DUTIES.--In order to achieve the purposes  
20 of the Retiree Health Care Act, the board may take all actions  
21 reasonably necessary to implement that act, including but not  
22 limited to the following:

23 A. employ or contract for the services of the state  
24 fiscal agent or select its own fiscal agent in accordance with  
25 the Procurement Code;

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B. employ or contract for persons to assist it in carrying out the Retiree Health Care Act and determine the duties and compensation of these employees;

C. collect and disburse funds;

D. collect all current and historical claims and financial information necessary for effective procurement of lines of insurance coverage;

E. promulgate and adopt necessary rules, regulations and procedures for implementation of the Retiree Health Care Act;

F. negotiate insurance policies covering additional or lesser benefits as determined appropriate by the board, and at the board's discretion determine various benefit levels based on retirees' accumulated years of credited service, but the board shall maintain all coverage as required by federal or state law for each eligible retiree. In the event it is practical to wholly self-insure part or all of the retiree health care coverages, the board may do so;

G. procure group health care and other coverages authorized by the Retiree Health Care Act in accordance with the Procurement Code;

H. establish the procedures for contributions and deductions;

I. determine methods and procedures for claims administration;

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- 1                   J. administer the fund;
- 2                   K. contract for and make available to all eligible
- 3 retirees and eligible dependents basic and optional group health
- 4 insurance plans. The optional coverage may include a lower
- 5 deductible, lower coinsurance or additional categories of
- 6 benefits permitted under this section and all other applicable
- 7 sections of the Retiree Health Care Act to provide additional
- 8 levels of coverages and benefits. Any additional contributions
- 9 for these optional plans shall be paid for by the eligible
- 10 retiree or eligible dependent. The coverage provided by the
- 11 plan or plans shall be secondary to all other benefit coverages
- 12 to which the eligible retiree or eligible dependent is entitled.
- 13 In the event a covered eligible retiree becomes employed by an
- 14 employer offering its employees a basic plan of benefits, the
- 15 coverage provided by the plan under the Retiree Health Care Act
- 16 shall be secondary to such coverage regardless of whether the
- 17 employee enrolls in that employer's plan. In the event the
- 18 eligible retiree or eligible dependent is entitled to receive
- 19 medicare hospital insurance benefits at no charge, then the
- 20 coverage provided by the plan under the Retiree Health Care Act
- 21 shall be secondary to medicare hospital and medical insurance to
- 22 the extent permitted by federal law;
- 23                   L. provide, at its discretion, different plans for
- 24 eligible retirees and eligible dependents covered by medicare
- 25 than the plans provided for eligible retirees and eligible

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1 dependents who are not covered by medicare; and

2 M promulgate and adopt rules and regulations  
3 governing eligibility, participation, enrollment, length of  
4 service and any other conditions or requirements for providing  
5 substantially equal treatment to participating employers ~~who~~  
6 ~~are independent public employers and their retirees and~~  
7 ~~participating employees]. "~~

8 Section 3. Section 10-7C-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990,  
9 Chapter 6, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

10 "10-7C-9. PARTICIPATION. --

11 A. All eligible employers shall participate in the  
12 Retiree Health Care Act except as provided in Subsection D or  
13 ~~[Subsection]~~ E of this section. Participating employers are  
14 required to continue existing group health insurance coverages  
15 until such time as similar coverages are offered by the board  
16 under the Retiree Health Care Act.

17 B. Participation in the basic health insurance  
18 coverages provided by the authority shall be conditioned upon  
19 receipt by the board of a certificate of eligibility from the  
20 educational retirement director, the executive secretary of the  
21 public employees retirement association, the ~~[executive]~~  
22 director of the public school insurance authority or the  
23 governing body of an independent public employer. Once  
24 eligibility is established, for each eligible retiree who  
25 retires on or after ~~[the effective date of the Retiree Health~~

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1 ~~Care Act]~~ February 13, 1990, the board shall contribute from  
2 money in the fund the authority's portion of the premium for the  
3 basic plan of benefits commencing no earlier than January 1,  
4 1991, plus the balance of the premium which shall be collected  
5 from the retiree.

6 C. Each eligible retiree shall accept or reject  
7 enrollment in the basic plan of benefits on an enrollment form  
8 provided by the board. An eligible retiree who rejects  
9 enrollment or fails to return a properly executed enrollment  
10 form within the open enrollment period as established by the  
11 board forfeits all entitlement and eligibility for benefits  
12 under the Retiree Health Care Act until the next enrollment  
13 period as established by the board.

14 D. On or before January 1, 1991, municipalities,  
15 counties and institutions of higher education that are  
16 retirement system employers may at their option determine by  
17 ordinance, or for institutions of higher education, by  
18 resolution, to be excluded from coverage under the Retiree  
19 Health Care Act; that determination shall be subject to the  
20 following conditions:

21 (1) any contributions paid into the fund by a  
22 municipality, county or institution of higher education that  
23 exercises timely an irrevocable option not to participate in the  
24 Retiree Health Care Act under this subsection shall be returned  
25 without interest to that municipality, county or institution of

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1 higher education for return of the employee contributions to the  
2 employees and for crediting of the employer contributions to the  
3 appropriate fund of the municipality, county or institution of  
4 higher education. If the determination to be excluded from  
5 coverage is exercised by a municipality, county or institution  
6 of higher education prior to July 1, 1990, then that  
7 municipality, county or institution of higher education shall  
8 not be required to make the contributions that would otherwise  
9 be required by Section 10-7C-15 NMSA 1978;

10 (2) any municipality, county or institution of  
11 higher education, in addition to complying with all other  
12 required notice and public hearing or meeting requirements,  
13 shall, no less than thirty days prior to the public hearing or  
14 public meeting on a proposed ordinance or proposed resolution,  
15 notify the authority of the public hearing or public meeting by  
16 certified mail; and

17 (3) in the event that:

18 (a) the number of active employees  
19 employed by municipalities contributing to the fund reaches a  
20 number equaling sixty percent or more of all active employees  
21 employed by all municipalities that are retirement system  
22 employers, the municipal position on the board of the authority  
23 shall be restored within sixty days of the date that percentage  
24 is reached; provided, however, that if a municipality with a  
25 population greater than one hundred thousand that is located in

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1 a class A county exercises this option, then the sixty-percent  
2 requirement shall be applied to the remaining municipalities  
3 only;

4 (b) the number of active employees  
5 employed by counties contributing to the fund reaches a number  
6 equaling sixty percent or more of all active employees employed  
7 by all counties that are retirement system employers, the county  
8 position on the board of the authority shall be restored within  
9 sixty days of the date that percentage is reached; provided,  
10 however, that if a class A county exercises this option, then  
11 the eighty-percent requirement shall be applied to the remaining  
12 counties only; or

13 (c) the number of active employees  
14 employed by institutions of higher learning contributing to the  
15 fund reaches a number equaling seventy percent or more of all  
16 active employees employed by an institution of higher education  
17 contributing to the educational retirement fund, the institution  
18 of higher education position on the board shall be restored  
19 within sixty days of the date that percentage is reached.

20 E. An independent public employer may become a  
21 participating employer if that employer satisfies the  
22 requirements imposed pursuant to Subsection M of Section 10-7C-7  
23 NMSA 1978 and if that employer also files with the authority on  
24 or prior to January 1, 1991 or prior to July 1, 1993 or July 1  
25 of any year a written irrevocable election by the governing body

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1 of that employer to participate in the Retiree Health Care Act.  
2 Any such independent public employer that chooses to become a  
3 participating employer after January 1, 1993 shall begin making  
4 the appropriate preliminary employer and employee contributions  
5 to the fund on the July 1 immediately following the adoption of  
6 the ordinance or resolution. On the following January 1,  
7 eligible retirees of those participating employers and their  
8 eligible dependents shall be eligible to receive group health  
9 insurance coverage pursuant to the provisions of the Retiree  
10 Health Care Act.

11 F. Any other provisions of the Retiree Health Care  
12 Act notwithstanding, retirees [~~or active employees~~] of  
13 institutions of higher education participating in the Retiree  
14 Health Care Act for whom those institutions of higher education  
15 have existing plans, programs, policies or contracts for health  
16 care benefits shall not be required to participate in the  
17 Retiree Health Care Act [~~nor shall employer or employee~~  
18 ~~contributions be made to the authority on their behalf~~].

19 G. A municipality or county that enacted an  
20 ordinance or an institution of higher education that enacted a  
21 resolution prior to January 1, 1991 pursuant to Subsection D of  
22 this section to be excluded from coverage under the Retiree  
23 Health Care Act may [enact] become a participating employer if  
24 that employer satisfies the requirements imposed pursuant to  
25 Subsection M of Section 10-7C-7 NMSA 1978 and if that employer

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1 also enacts an ordinance or resolution, as applicable, after a  
2 public hearing and published notice of the hearing, prior to  
3 July 1, 1993 or July 1 of any year to choose to become a  
4 participating employer under the Retiree Health Care Act. Any  
5 such municipality, county or institution of higher education  
6 that chooses to become a participating employer after January 1,  
7 1993 shall begin making the appropriate preliminary employer and  
8 employee contributions to the fund on the July 1 immediately  
9 following the adoption of the ordinance or resolution. On the  
10 following January 1, eligible retirees of those participating  
11 employers and their eligible dependents shall be eligible to  
12 receive group health insurance coverage pursuant to the  
13 provisions of the Retiree Health Care Act. "

14 Section 4. Section 10-7C-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990,  
15 Chapter 6, Section 15) is amended to read:

16 "10-7C-15. RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS. --

17 A. Following completion of the preliminary  
18 contribution period, each participating employer for the fiscal  
19 year beginning July 1, 1990 and thereafter shall make  
20 contributions to the fund in the amount of one percent of each  
21 participating employee's annual salary.

22 B. Following completion of the preliminary  
23 contribution period, each participating employee as a condition  
24 of employment for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1990 and  
25 thereafter shall contribute to the fund an employee contribution

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1 in an amount equal to one-half of one percent of the employee's  
2 salary. Each month, participating employers shall deduct the  
3 contribution from the participating employee's salary and shall  
4 remit it to the board as provided by any procedures that the  
5 board may require.

6 C. A participating employer that fails to remit  
7 before the tenth day after the last day of the month all  
8 employer and employee deposits required by the Retiree Health  
9 Care Act to be remitted by the employer for the month shall pay  
10 to the fund, in addition to the deposits, interest on the unpaid  
11 amounts at the rate of six percent per ~~annum~~ year compounded  
12 monthly.

13 D. The employer and employee contributions shall be  
14 paid in monthly installments based on the percent of payroll  
15 certified by the employer.

16 E. Except in the case of erroneously made  
17 contributions or as may be otherwise provided in Subsection D  
18 of Section ~~[9 of the Retiree Health Care Act]~~ 10-7C-9 NMSA 1978,  
19 contributions from participating employers and participating  
20 employees shall become the property of the fund on receipt by  
21 the board and shall not be refunded under any circumstances,  
22 including termination of employment or termination of the  
23 participating employer's operation or participation in the  
24 Retiree Health Care Act.

25 F. Notwithstanding any other provision in the

1 Retiree Health Care Act and at the first session of the  
2 legislature following July 1, 1995, the legislature shall review  
3 and adjust the distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA  
4 1978 and the employer and employee contributions to the  
5 authority in order to [~~insure~~] ensure the actuarial soundness of  
6 the benefits provided under the Retiree Health Care Act. "

7 Section 5. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
8 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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**State of New Mexico  
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March 4, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 14, after the semicolon insert "PROVIDING  
FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR DELAYED RETIREES;".

2. On page 2, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following  
new subsection:

"F. "delayed retiree" means a retiree who is receiving a  
disability or normal retirement benefit from an eligible  
participating employer and who, at the time of leaving the  
employment of the eligible employer, was fully vested in that  
employer's retirement program but was not yet eligible to receive

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retirement benefits from that program;”.

3. Reletter the succeeding subsections accordingly.

4. On page 7, line 7, strike “paragraph” and insert in lieu thereof “subparagraph”.

5. On page 7, line 14, strike “or”.

6. On page 8, line 6, after the semicolon insert “or”.

7. On page 8, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following new subparagraph:

“(d) is a delayed retiree;”.

8. On page 11, line 14, before the comma, insert “for delayed retirees effective July 1, 1997 and for eligible retirees retiring on or after July 1, 1998”.

9. On page 17, line 23, after “Act” insert “or a public entity after January 1, 1997”.

10. On page 18, line 5, after “county” insert “, public entity”.,

and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Marquardt

Absent: None

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**State of New Mexico  
House of Representatives**

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 8, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 975, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 14 For 0 Against

Yes: 14

Excused: Garcia, M H. , Heaton, Marquardt

Absent: None

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March 17, 1997

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 975, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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4 Excused: Robinson, Rodarte, Vernon,  
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